villages by March, 2002 with the joint efforts of Fixed Service Providers with new technology equipment.

Expansion of internet traffic between Gurgaon and Delhi

2598. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL is not ready for the cellular service in National Capital Region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to the increasing internet traffic between Gurgaon and Delhi and the overburdening of DoT lines, BSNL is unable to expand the circuit connectivity;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are being taken to provide cellular service and internet traffic facility in NCR within the earliest possible time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) Licenses for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) have been granted by the Government in the country for different service areas consisting of Metro City Service Areas and Telecom Circle Service Areas. BSNL has been granted licenses for telecom circles covering NCTR excluding Delhi, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Noida. These areas of NCR forming part of licensed areas of BSNL are proposed to be covered against the tender already floated.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Cellular as well as Internet services are already available in various service areas covering the NCR by various service providers.

Poor attendance to telecom complaints in Andhra Pradesh

2599. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that attendance to complaints by the Department of Telecom is very poor in Andhra Pradesh; and